Dravidian University in Andhra Pradesh

1466. Dr. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent proposals for setting up of a Dravidian University at Kuppam in Chittor District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) A prposal for estblishment of a National University for Dravidian Studies in Andhra Pradesh was made by the Government of Andhra Pradesh in April, 1990. The State Government was informed that the University Grants Commission is not generally in favour of establishment of spearate universities exclusively on linguistic considerations. The Commission has been of the view that the universities should prvide for advanced studies and research in a variety of disciplines rather than those which operate within the confines of linguistic considerations. It would be more appropriate to strengthen Dravidian Studies by setting up departments in Dravidian Languages in existing universities.

Professional courses in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1467. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of professional courses are being couducted in Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of these courses Vidyalaya-wise with names of level for teaching these subjects ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the study of computer course is being introduced in some Vidyalayas of Delhi ;

(d) whether it is a fact that some fee has been charged in some of the Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(e) if so, the details of the collection made separately on Primary, Middle and Secondary levels ; and

(f) the contribution of Government to each Kendriya Vidyalayas in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) There are no professional courses in Kendirya Vidyalayas. However, vocatinal courses Gneral Insurance and Life Insurance are offered in some selected Kendriya Vidyalayas namely, General Insurance Course in Kendriya Vidyalayas IIT Madras, Chandigarh Sector-31 and Fort William Calcutta and Life Insurance course in IIT Madras, Salt Lake Calcutta and Picket, Secunderbad.

(c) to (e) Excepting the CLASS (Computer Literacy Awareness Scheme for Schools) there is no other computer course in the Kendriya Vidyalayas. However, some computer films have offered a scheme of Computer Literacy to Kendriya Vidyalayas students on a voluntary basis, in the premises of the Kendriya Vidyalayas after class hours. This scheme, on an experimental basis is being prposed for some sclected Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi for which some firms have made offers and the response of the students is being assessed. A fee @ Rs. 400/- per year per head for class I to V, Rs. 450/- for classes VI to VIII and Rs. 500/- for classes IX to XI has been prposed for those who may volunteer.

(f) There is no Government contribution for this programme

दिल्ली में विश्व पुस्तक मेला

1468. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में आयोजित किए गए विश्व पुस्तक मेले में किन-किन देशों के प्रतिनिधियों ने भाग लिया और उन्हें प्रदान की गई सुविधाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) नेशनल बुक ट्रस्ट, केन्द्रीय हिन्दी निदेशालय, राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद द्वारा की गई पुस्तकों की बिक्री की अलग-अलग राशि कितनी है ; और